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■ BYELECTION

Riding sees red over Scott's decision

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Liberal Rick Johnson is the new MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock after winning the March 5 byelection.

In a close race, Johnson, a musician who was chair of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, edged out PC candidate John Tory to become the riding's first Liberal MPP in almost 20 years.

"Tonight's results are something we can all be proud of," a seemingly surprised Johnson told an ecstatic swarm of supporters during his victory party at Lindsay's The Cat and Fiddle Pub.

For more than an hour, close to a 100 supporters had been chatting away excitedly, cheering loudly each time a new round of poll results were posted on the bar's big-screen televisions.

When Johnson showed up to greet his supporters, he was met by hysterical cheers from the crowd, including shrieking women dressed in red boas.

"From every corner of this riding, people have made their

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CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT/Special to the Echo

Rock on! Pontypool musician Rick Johnson celebrates his win as the new Liberal MPP at Lindsay's Cat and Fiddle restaurant on Thursday night. He beat John Tory by 800 votes, prompting Tory's decision to step down as leader of the Progressive Conservative party. More byelection stories pages 3 and 4.

■ WATERCOLOURS OMB

Condos a question of character

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The proposed seniors condo development will stand tall on the shore of Head Lake, overlooking the village and water, housing many who have few other options for retirement living in the county.

This was one of the few things agreed upon during the three days of Ontario Municipal Board hearings held last week about the Watercolours development.

With 88 units reserved since September, lawyers for the developer and the municipality of Dysart et al argued that this building will be essential to the village and that demand is here for a four-storey, peaked roof condominium complex on the edge of Highway 118 and Sunnyside Street.

The appellant in the case – Alison Mack represented by lawyer Eric Gillespie – agreed.

Mack's argument was that while seniors do need housing, the scale of the building did not need to be the proposed 150 units, but 90 instead.

"That brings it within the range of the number of reservations that have been received to date," Gillespie said.

And so it went for three days.

In Dysart council chambers spectators came and went, listening to arguments from each side as the three lawyers tried to convince two OMB members (using

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Some councillors want to be plugged into technology

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

If Dysart council moves to a paperless system, computers should be supplied, some coun-

cillors argued at the March 2 council meeting.

There is a plan to stop printing paper copies of the hefty agenda packages councillors get and instead project the documents on a

screen in council chambers, but that limits what kind of notes can be taken and what councillors can do with the material, some

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This March Break visit your local library branch for some reading fun. For every book a child reads to an adult, or vice versa, they receive a colouring sheet. Detach the ballot on the bottom of the colouring sheet and

enter to win a children's book. There's one prize per library branch but you can enter as often as you wish.

Those Other Movies presents two viewings of *The Station Agent* on Thursday, March 12. One show is at 4:15 p.m. and the other is at 7:15 p.m., both at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Individual tickets will be sold at the door before each movie. Matinee tickets are \$6, students \$5. Evening tickets are \$7. After the evening show, everyone is welcome to join the conversation at McKeck's Place.

The OPP has issued a correction to its press release about five men who were charged with various drug offences in Minden Hills. Two of the men, both from Minden Hills, have been charged with possession of marijuana, not possession with the purpose of trafficking. The police say a house in Minden Hills was being used for the distribution of marijuana.



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BYELECTION

Double loss

John Tory loses by 800 votes, steps down as provincial leader

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

An emotional John Tory stepped down as leader of the Conservative Party a day after the voters of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock chose someone else to represent them at Queen's Park.

"All I know is that I tried my best," Tory said at the Toronto press conference on Friday afternoon. "In the end, all you can do is try your best."

Tory conceded the election to Liberal Rick Johnson shortly before 11 p.m. on March 5. Speaking to a throng of media and supporters at the Olympia Restaurant in Lindsay, Tory focused more on the needs of the people he'd met on the campaign than his own fate.

"These are good people in good communities," he told the crowd of reporters and supporters gathered at the Olympia Restaurant in downtown Lindsay shortly before 11 p.m. on March 5. "They're just looking for a little bit of help."

He said that it would be a privilege and an honour for Johnson to represent the people he'd grown to respect and admire during the campaign. He made particular mention of the farmers he'd met.

"Farmers are such decent people and they welcomed me so warmly. I hope we can all understand the help that they need."

Time and time again, he said, he was treated courteously and fairly by the voters whose confidence he was trying to gain. Again he talked of the responsibility the province has to address their needs. "Far too many of these good people are hurting."

The mood was sombre in the Olympia Restaurant as party supporters — including party president Ken Zeise and several MPPs — checked their BlackBerrys for poll results. As it became clear that Johnson was not going to give up his lead in the polls, conversation was muted. There wasn't a television for people to gather around but in this technological age, no one needed one to tell them what they didn't want to hear anyway.

"Shhhhhh," the crowd hissed when a television reporter stood in front of a camera and said "It's all over for Tory" while Tory was still speaking at the podium.

Andrew Hodgson is the former executive director of the provincial Tories and was John Tory's chief of staff before returning his home town of Haliburton in the northern half of the riding. He agreed to come out of political retirement to become Tory's campaign manager after Scott stepped down to give her leader the opportunity to win her seat back for the party.

Polls taken before Scott announced the decision to vacate her seat did not indicate there'd be such a high level of anger over Scott's decision.

"John did everything he could do [but] it was an uphill battle against why Laurie quit," said Hodgson, the brother of former PC cabinet minister Chris Hodgson, whom Scott replaced at Queen's Park in 2003.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

As a Toronto Star photographer takes aim, John Tory concedes the election just before 11 p.m. at the Olympia Restaurant.

"We just couldn't break through," Hodgson said.

He's worked on nine byelections for the party but had never experienced one like the one in his home riding. "This one was tougher. It was hard to get the agenda focused on the government."

Proud of the campaign, Hodgson says they were nonetheless unable to focus voters' attention on the issues.

Dale Walker, the vice-president of the PC riding association said "the fact Laurie gave up her seat was the main issue."

She said the campaign was "quieter" than usual, in part because there was no accompanying provincial focus on the issues.

The fact that Laurie Scott was widely respected and

liked in the riding was never in doubt. But as much as voters like Scott, they couldn't get over their shock, and then anger, that she would quit halfway through her term.

In his concession speech, Tory said words would be inadequate to describe the respect and affection he now has for Scott.

He thanked her for "the selfless act of courage and team loyalty. We owe her an enormous debt of gratitude."

He said he was "confident and hopeful" that Scott would be back in public office because she's "too good not to be."

Tory will remain as leader until the party chooses his replacement.

A sad Scott doesn't regret decision

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Former MPP Laurie Scott says she doesn't regret her decision to vacate her seat in Queen's Park to give former Ontario PC leader John Tory a chance to carry the riding.

"It was the right thing to do," Scott told the *Echo* during a telephone interview on March 9, adding that she was obviously disappointed by the outcome of the byelection.

"It was very sad," she said. "It was a loss for the community and for the province."

Tory, who announced March 6 that he would step down as leader of the PC party, should have gone on to become Ontario's next premier, Scott said.

"Unfortunately, [now] there's no one who can hold Dalton McGuinty to account."

Following her January 9 announcement that she would step down, Scott could often be found at Tory's side as he

campaigned throughout the riding.

"It was very emotional and I understand the expression of loss [constituents made at her leaving]," she said.

Scott said she couldn't think of any way the campaign could have been run differently.

"We worked really hard," she said. "I think we needed more time to talk to people and explain to them why [Tory's election] was important. It was difficult to explain to people in that short time."

Scott has been named the party's election readiness chair, a position she plans to step into next month.

The next major priority for the PC party will be a leadership convention that Scott guessed could take place as early as June. Setting the date for the convention is the responsibility of the party's board of directors.

"The people spoke and we listened and we have to move on," Scott said.

The former MPP has said there is a possibility she may run in the 2011 provincial election.

GREEN PARTY'S MIKE SCHREINER

First-time candidate says campaign won't be his last

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Green power is soon coming to Ontario, says an invigorated Mike Schreiner.

"This really is the beginning of something big. I feel the momentum," the Green Party candidate in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock byelection told his supporters in Lindsay minutes before the polls closed on Thursday night. "In 2011 we will elect Greens to Queen's Park. Absolutely."

Depending on how you look at the numbers, Schreiner brought the Green Party closer to that goal. He bumped his party from fourth to third place in the election but he did so with 1,100 fewer people voting for him compared to his predecessor, Doug Smith, in the 2007.

Schreiner received 2,352 votes, or 6.6 per cent of the popular vote. In the 2007 election, Smith got 3,475 votes or 7.2 per cent of the popular vote. Schreiner came ahead of the NDP candidate while Smith came behind the NDP.

However, there were 12,700 fewer voters who marked their ballots on March 5 compared with the 2007 general election.

A newcomer to both the riding and on-the-street campaigning, Schreiner says the campaign has been an intensely rewarding experience. He's helped the Green Party formulate its policies but he's never before experienced seeing his name emblazoned on signs on every street corner.

"It's been fun," he says with the fresh-faced enthusiasm that helped earn him the respect of voters (even if they didn't give him their vote). "The best thing about it is there's nothing that replaces meeting voters. It humanizes everything you do."

At events large and small, Schreiner had the opportunity to tell people why he believes the Green Party represents the best hope for the future. "It's very satisfying to articulate your ideas and see people respond," he said in an interview. "It touched me to my core. I've



Mike Schreiner says he will run again.

enjoyed every minute."

Party leader Frank deJong, who visited the riding four times during the brief five-week campaign, said that it "struck me profoundly that the Green Party is coming from here. We are rooted in this community and the

province....

"We feel so proud of this riding and spreading the message. I am really looking forward to the day we start electing MPPs to Queen's Park."

Dave Scrymgour, the campaign chairman for Ontario, says that Schreiner moved the Green cause forward. "It's been a lot of hard work, a lot of learning," he told the crowd of about 30 campaign supporters at the Grand Experience. The party had to build the team from scratch but the volunteer base grew exponentially as the campaign evolved.

"In politics you should always keep your hopes high, your expectations in check," Scrymgour said. "Four weeks is not enough to change a generation [but] the future is bright and the future is green."

Schreiner didn't want to draw ideologically lines around his campaign. A small business owner who grew up in a farming family, he says his concerns and his interests are broad.

"I don't think you can pigeonhole me ideologically," he said. "The Green Party is about practical solutions. You see a problem and you come up with a practical solution."

Before the polls closed on Thursday night, Schreiner did not want to say who'd win the riding. "I don't want to predict until voters have their say," he said, showing that he's already learned a lesson or two about how to be a politician.

Party	2009 Votes	2009 % Vote
Freedom Party of Ontario	140	0.40
NDP Party of Ontario	2,117	5.98
Ontario Libertarian Party	71	0.20
Ontario Liberal Party	15,482	43.72
Family Coalition Party	258	0.73
Green Party of Ontario	2,352	6.64
Independent	320	0.90
PC Party of Ontario	14,576	41.17
Independent	92	0.26

Number of eligible voters in 2009 : 89,160
source: www.elections.on.ca

Party	2007 Votes	2007 % Vote
Freedom Party of Ontario	391	.81
NDP	5,785	11.92
Ontario Liberal Party	14,327	29.51
Family Coalition Party	301	.62
Green Party	3,475	7.16
PC Party of Ontario	24,273	49.99

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WATERCOLOURS OMB

Forum more than some bargained for

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

It wasn't your average public forum.

The more than 70 people who came out to Dysart council chambers Tuesday night were treated to the highly structured, sometimes harsh, methods of an Ontario Municipal Board cross-examination.

The forum was part of the Watercolours development OMB hearing, triggered by an appeal launched by Alison Mack. But unlike your typical forum where people can stand up and say their piece, these participants were cross-examined on their views, expertise and beliefs.

The majority of those who spoke were in favour of the development, saying that it would be good for seniors and good for the local economy, but there were also those against, who were rigorously tested on the validity of their arguments.

Mieke Foster was the first critic of the development, saying that what the community needs is affordable housing and on a much smaller scale than the proposed 150-unit condominium.

"So far the developer has stayed with what appears to be a stock design shoehorned to fit into the former Sir Sandford Fleming College property," she said.

She raised issues with the water situation, arguing that it is not known whether there will be enough water for 150 units, and if that many people access the same aquifer, it may dry up other people's wells. She also said she had problems with traffic in the area, questioning the safety of the entrance to Watercolours.

Foster was then asked a series of questions by the lawyer for the developer, Alan Patton, about how qualified she was to make her comments.

"Do you have any architectural training?" he asked. "You are not speaking from a position of architect or training or expertise. You just as an individual know what you like and what you don't like?" and then, "When you raised the traffic issue, you're saying that as a layperson?"

Next up was Gord Abel who lives on Sunnyside Street

near the proposed development site, on Highway 118. He said he wasn't against Watercolours – just the scale of development. He was subjected to similar questioning by Patton.

Perhaps the most thorough examination was of Stephen Foster, who presented three photographs of the site with large white boxes superimposed on the landscape to stand in for where Watercolours is to be built.

Foster began by explaining why he created the photos. "To date, with respect to this project, we have not been provided with any material that shows how much things could be taken up by this building in terms of what the bylaw allows and what the dimensions are," Foster said.

For the next 25 minutes, Patton questioned the accuracy of the photos.

"The information about where you've put the bottom line of this white box is not based upon the subject property. It's a guess, isn't it?" Patton said.

Foster said that he based his pictures on the size of the abutting Barnes house to judge how big Watercolours would be, but conceded that many of the measurements were best estimates, not exactly to scale.

BIA president and owner of Haliburton Foodland, Bob Park, gave a statement that Watercolours would be good for the community.

Hospital services foundation executive director Dale Walker told the board that the medical services and programs offered would be good for seniors. She was asked by Mack's lawyer, Eric Gillespie whether she would accept the development at 90 units instead of 150.

Walker said she didn't think the services could be provided with only 90 units.

Peter Overington, 30-year resident of the county, said he personally needs Watercolours to come to the community.

"I am now in the position where my house is too big for me. I have to move. What am I going to do? Go to Lindsay? There is nothing around here for me other than this proposal therefore I am in favour of the proposal. I'm getting desperate," he said.

The public forum was just one part of a three-day hearing for the development, which ended Thursday.

The board members responsible for returning a judgment on the case have yet to make a decision.

H.C.D.C. seminar series

MANAGING FOR TOUGH TIMES - Lon Duncombe

Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$30. each or 3 for \$75.
Wednesday March 11th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - PROFIT & LOSS VS. CASH FLOW

Thursday March 12th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - MANAGING FOR CASH

This 3 part workshop will include Analyzing Financial Statements, Budgeting (profit vs cash flow), Managing for Cash (what to chop, what to keep).

WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES - INTERMEDIATE - Tammy Rea

Tuesday March 10th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$35. + GST, Arts Council Members \$20. + GST. This workshop will cover putting digital images into Powerpoint presentations and web applications, using software for photo editing and more.

MARKETING DYNAMICS - Mike Jaycock

Tuesday March 31st, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$30. A "roll up your sleeves" seminar to provide you with a planning process that will work for your business communications. Bring your along your "burning" communication issue for discussion.

WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES - ADVANCE - Tammy Rea

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CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE - Carey McMaster

Thursday April 30th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20. The most important relationship your company has is the one between your customers and staff. Anything you can do to strengthen that relationship will benefit your business.

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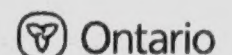
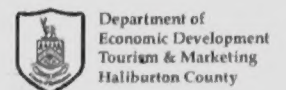
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MANAGING STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE - Dr. Jack Russel

Monday May 11th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20. Managing personal stress will improve workplace performance. This workshop will focus on learning how to manage stress and develop strategies to overcome it.

OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION - Dr. Jack Russel

Wednesday May 13th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20. Identifying procrastination behaviors and developing strategies to implement better time management.



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Byelection tea leaves

IT WASN'T THE 15,882 PEOPLE who voted for Rick Johnson who determined the outcome of last Thursday's byelection. It was the 12,700 people who didn't show up to mark their ballots.

Think of the numbers: In the 2007 general election, Johnson was 10,000 votes behind Conservative candidate Laurie Scott. In 2009, he got only 1,555 more votes and yet he won over the Conservative candidate. The byelection wasn't a squeaker, but Johnson's 800-vote victory over John Tory wasn't exactly a resounding victory either. Yes, Tory's

loss forced him to step down as leader of the Progressive Conservatives, which made it a headline-inducing election, but Johnson did not win the hearts and minds of many more voters. In fact, many of the 1,555 extra votes he got

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were likely from people who wanted to express their anger at Scott for stepping down part way through her term so Tory could try to win a seat at Queen's Park.

It was traditional Conservative voters who stayed away from the polls. In 2007, Scott got 24,273 votes. In 2009, Tory got 14,576; the difference between the two numbers almost accounts for all the lost voters.

Johnson didn't win the byelection and Tory didn't lose it. In many ways, the two men were immaterial. It was the decision of Scott to step down – no matter how noble her reasons – that cost the Conservatives their seat. It didn't matter whether Tory was from Toronto or Tory Hill. It wasn't a contest between local and from-away.

People in this riding vote for the person, not the party. All the pundits who said this is a traditional Conservative riding have no idea what traditional means. Traditional, in this riding's vernacular, means a honest day's work for an honest day's pay, a person's word is as good as a contract, you care for your neighbours and you try not to ask for too much from your government (because you don't want others to have to pay for it.) By stepping down, Scott broke a cardinal rule and voters wanted to punish her for it. Period. There were those who did so by voting for Johnson (perhaps believing that there were enough Conservative voters to let them lodge a protest without costing the Conservatives the election) but most of the damage was done when almost half of Tory's potential supporters simply stayed away.

Laurie Scott worked incredibly hard for this riding. She dedicated her life to it. No matter what you think about her politics, you cannot doubt that she was committed to doing what was best for all of her constituents. It was a sad ending for both her and John Tory.

There will be another election in 2011. Johnson has two years to win over some of those 12,700 lost voters if he wants to keep the seat. If he works hard and fits in with tradition, he can do it. If he lets the voters down, last Thursday was an indication of how they will respond.



Big air at Sir Sam's

Photo by Matt James

Become the target

MOST OUTDOORS ENTHUSIASTS have probably heard of Byron Ferguson, arguably one of the world's best trick-shooting archers. He's the man you see on television making amazing shots with a long bow – in fact, one of the shows he stars in is called Impossible Shots. On that show, Byron often arrows coins that his wife tosses into the air.

I only mention this because I just bought Mr. Ferguson's book called *Become the Arrow*. In it, he divulges sound advice on the finer points of shooting a long bow. It's all very informative and a pretty good read if this sort of thing is important to you.

My only criticism is that Byron never tells you how to do the most impressive trick of all. That's right, he never does divulge how he gets his wife to stand there and toss up coins while he flings arrows past her head.

Sure, splitting an arrow on the edge of an ax blade at 20 yards is obviously difficult. But I still believe I have a better chance of doing that than convincing my wife to stand down range while I fire arrows at coins that she tosses up in the air. If you ask me, that's the truly impossible shot!

Between you and me, it's the only reason that I bought the book.

I've asked my wife politely several times and it has gotten me nowhere. For some reason, she refuses to stand down range and toss coins into the air for me to shoot. Dr. Phil might call this a trust issue, one that I'm guessing stems back to

that exercise we did a while ago when she was supposed to relax and fall backwards and I was supposed to catch her. You make one little mistake, three times in a row, and suddenly there's no trust at all.

In any case, I'm going to contact Bryon and

ask him to write a follow-up book called *Become the Target*. I think it would be a fascinating study in the psychology of trick shooting. I mean there's got to be some really big trick to getting your spouse to agree to something like this.

Personally, I'm not sure that I have enough embarrassing evidence on her that would even come close to providing me with this type of leverage.

And besides, she's not exactly one of those people who invoke the power of positive thinking. She

keeps suggesting that I might miss. Well, maybe that's true, but I don't think we'll really know until we try.

Perhaps I'm off base here but I think, in this sort of endeavour, persistence is everything. That's why I've begged her for six days in a row now. But even after all that, it doesn't appear that she is going to be supportive of my dreams.

She says I should just shoot at a paper target like I always do. Why, she asks, is it so important to attempt to shoot dimes, nickels, and quarters out of the air?

I just shake my head and walk away. She reads all sorts of self-help books. You'd think she knows that change is good.

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Bird brain

A SMALL CRUMPLED SHAPE caught Casey's eye as soon as he got out of his truck. There on the edge of the parking lot where tree branches overhung the asphalt was a very young bird. As he bent down for a closer look two bright beady eyes looked up into his. Except for being in the wrong place the young crow seemed uninjured though Casey couldn't be sure without a closer inspection. It must have fallen out of its nest, Casey thought as he scanned overhead for its possible home.

Casey had a soft spot for all things feathered. For several years he had volunteered at a local bird sanctuary and was rewarded with an even deeper appreciation for these amazing and infinitely varied creatures. Now looking at the youngster at his feet he knew it would not survive a day where it was. Really there was no decision to be made. The crow was going home with him.

And so began a saga good for many a conversation over coffee or cold drink: tales of Joe the crow. Casey took Joe under his wing, so to speak, and with careful knowledgeable nurturing the bird thrived.



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our
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It rode on Casey's shoulder, scooping up proffered worms with élan and even accompanying Casey as he drove his pickup around town. They became quite the pair, the lanky redheaded guy and his darkly mysterious buddy.

Joe loved attention and seemed especially drawn to children. They flocked around him in Casey's kitchen, offering the bird crumbs from chocolate chip cookies Casey's mother made when she visited.

The first time Casey's mother saw this happen she was less than pleased. She did not share her son's affection for birds, frequently stating they were dirty stupid creatures. However since she drove up from the city at least once a month it became a matter of "Love me, love my bird" and so she became at least reconciled to sharing her space with the shiny feathered corvid.

Now Casey also had a cat. Leo was an older slow-moving calico who watched Joe from a distance but showed no interest in getting up close and personal. Truth be told, the crow could think circles around the feline.

One weekend when Casey's mother was sitting in the kitchen, she observed a demonstration of the bird's smarts. She had just put a small piece of freezer-burnt salmon in front of Leo while Joe watched from his lookout atop the fridge.

Leo, who had lost most of his teeth, began gnawing on the morsel when suddenly Joe started flapping his wings and cawing in great excitement. He seemed to be saying something incredibly interesting was happening over in his part of the kitchen. It certainly caught Leo's attention. The old cat immediately sauntered over to investigate what the fuss was all about.

No sooner had Leo moved than Joe flew up and over to the spot Leo had just vacated. Picking the piece of salmon up in his beak he pushed it under the nearby floor mat, then returned to the top of the fridge. Leo, unable to find what had caused such excitement, seemed to have forgotten about the fish and moseyed on into the living room.

Once the cat was settled on his favourite couch, Joe retrieved the food and took great delight in downing it in lustful gulps. Casey's mother was both flabbergasted and impressed. This was no ordinary bird.

It was several weeks later when Casey realized the dynamics between his mother and Joe the crow had changed. Walking into the kitchen after an afternoon of piling firewood outside, he was happy to see his mother busy at the counter. An excellent cook, she frequently made extra portions for the freezer to keep Casey going between visits.

But something was different. These meatballs were a quarter the size she usually fashioned and he asked her why they were so small. She explained with a smile that Joe the crow preferred them like this. She would put a line of these mini balls on the counter and he hopped along picking them off one after the other. And they didn't even have to be cooked, she added happily.

Although Casey merely nodded in understanding, words much like a headline flashed through his mind as he stifled a grin. Bird ticks cat, trains human. Casey decided right there that he could no more predict Joe's next move than he could forecast the results of the upcoming byelection.

Some things were just too unpredictable to call.



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letters to the editor

What did we do?

To the Editor:

Did we punish Laurie Scott? Did we punish John Tory?

No doubt.

But most of all, we punished ourselves fearfully – by granting the McGuinty government full permission to run roughshod over us.

Jack Bush
Haliburton

What a great book

To the Editor:

At Christmas our families all received a copy of *Haliburton – A History in Pictures* from our father, Harry Bemister Barrett. What a delight!

From reading the book, I see my grandmother, Marjorie Clarke, wrote for your paper under the pen name "Ging," a column titled "This I Remember." Her sister Dorothy was Haliburton's postmistress for what seemed forever.

My wife Cari and I have been door knocking in town for Laurie Scott and John Tory and have had some great conversations about the Bemisters, the Clarkes, and the McGraths down in Kinmount.

Toby Barrett, MPP
Haldimand-Norfolk-Brant

Job well done

To the Editor:

Another winter has slipped by to congratulate the Dysart roads department for an excellent job.

Art Oullette
Drag Lake

Goodbye, Mr. Tory and Ms. Scott

To the Editor:

I am very pleased that enough voters were sufficiently concerned about the Tory parachute into our riding that they changed their votes away from the Conservatives. I don't agree with parachuting anyone into any riding, be it Conservative or Liberal, or any party for that matter.

John Tory will now pay the price, as is correct. I hope that Laurie Scott will also do the honourable thing and stay out of Haliburton politics, as she has shown herself to be more loyal to her party than to her constituents. The last thing Haliburton needs is a "party apparatchik" as our "representative."

Craig Bugden
Minden

Missed opportunity?

To the Editor:

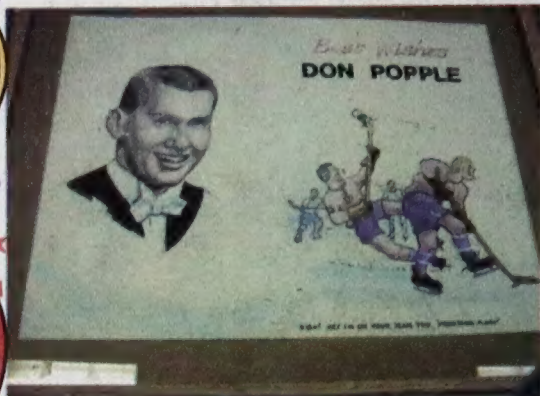
I was very surprised to see John Tory defeated on Thursday night. I fully respect the voters' decision and did not follow the election issues. That said, I can't help but wonder what opportunity may have been lost? For Haliburton County to possibly have a sitting premier? With his defeat that option is gone.

Spencer Campbell
Lake Kashagawigamog and Toronto

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Other ways to get local produce

To the Editor:

Re: Local foods article, March 3, page 11.

Your readership needs to know that I am very much alive and well as "farmer" Jean Tyler, not the "former" Jean Tyler. The article with headlines for farmers' markets in the area is misleading from another perspective. It is good to have people discussing local food, but there are other options. Our family was away last year on sabbatical to learn and teach about the different ways for local food delivery. Waverley Brook Farm CSA (Community Shared Agricultural) food box is the ideal we hold. We have returned with renewed excitement to improve the production of local food and the Waverley Brook Farm CSA food box program.

Our emphasis is the beneficial community concept of CSA. The CSA is a way for the farmer and the consumer to mutually support the land with a weekly fresh harvested food box. The farmer grows for a set number of members that receive the abundance of the land with a box of fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers for a fair price each week when the crops are at their best. Consumers know where their food is from.

What we have seen from other farms and what we presented at the forum was the concepts of support for agriculture. Farmers are about the growing of fresh local produce and food delivery. The hype of markets is only one option. We would

like to encourage other ways. Farmers have been invited to sell from retail businesses by delivering fresh produce to sell at the Great Haliburton Feed Company and Storeroom in Minden this summer. Other ideas being discussed are a Highland Meat Cooperative and encouraging restaurants to feature a local county meal on the menu as well as special local events to highlight local food production. More ideas, farmers and produce are growing every day... to find farmers or advertise your produce on the web check the www.haliburtonfresh.com.

While we were on sabbatical last year, we discovered the strongest most stable agricultural operations that we encountered had a CSA as a major component. These farms varied in size of 10 members to 1,400 members. What is important about any farm is that it is balanced with the animals, the croplands, people resources and the market place. Big is not necessarily better. Making improvements and balancing production is a good thing. Producing longer into and even through the winter is a good goal. Agriculture works with the community support to do this. That is what the Waverley Brook Farm and the CSA food box is about.

Tapping for maple sap yet? Happy spring!

Jean Schlicklin Tyler
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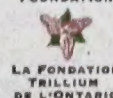


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The third place OFSAA girls teams, from left, is Holly Wu, Tiffany van Lieshout, coach Caley Sisson, Ariah Boots, Alex Meunzel. Missing is Christianna Walker.

SNOWBOARDING

Red Hawks carve their way to OFSAA medals

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

HHSS snowboarder Madison Rallis is officially the third fastest high school male snowboarder in Ontario.

The Red Hawks girls snowboard team is also sporting bronze medals after the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' and girls' snowboard teams took to the slopes of Georgian Peaks near Collingwood for the 2009 OFSAA championships on March 4.

The girls team consisted of Alex Muenzel, Christianna Walker, Ariah Boots, Tiffany van Lieshout and Holly Wu.

Racers were scored individually but also ranked as a team based on the best three individual scores.

While the boys' team was unable to crack the top three, Madison Rallis took the last spot on the podium with a great individual run.

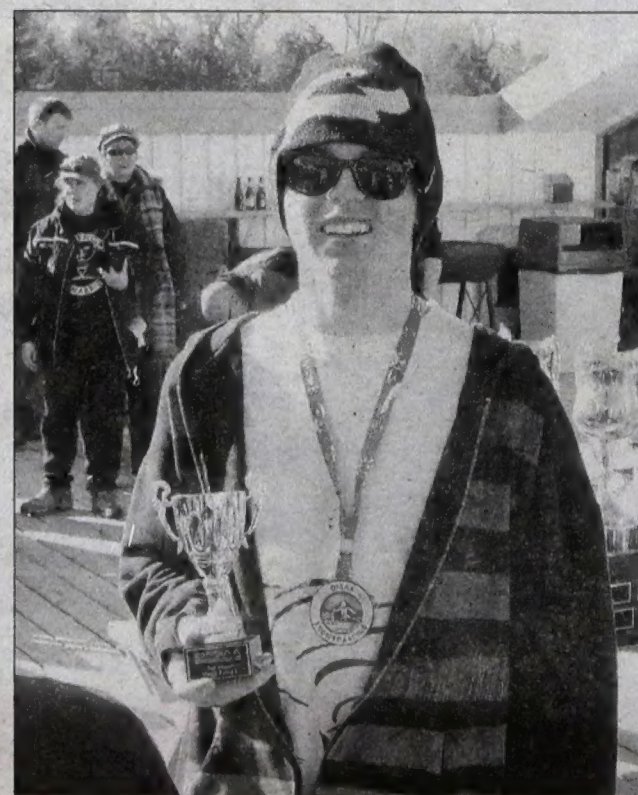
Five boys and five girls from Hal High faced 45 other schools and approximately 310 other racers for tops in Ontario.

On a sunny day with seasonal temperatures, team coaches Caley Sisson and Phil Dulong said the conditions were fantastic.

"We were confident that Hal High was going to place within the top 10 in Ontario," said Sisson. "The students worked hard on achieving personal bests throughout the year and steadily improved their times. We have had an excellent season and all participants have made Hal High proud."

Girls' results out of 140 racers: Alex Muenzel 9th, Christianna Walker 12th, Ariah Boots 25th, Holly Wu 93rd, and Tiffany van Lieshout 97th.

The boys results out of 180 racers: Madison Rallis 3rd, Brett Hicks 27th, Jeff Fennell 65th, Alex Vassos 68th, and Mark Perecko 75th.



Madison Rallis won an individual third place medal at OFSAA.

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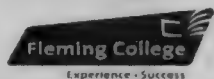
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Winterdance's Hank DeBruin and his team of Huskies qualify for Iditarod

"HIKE!" With that one simple command, Hank DeBruin transforms the barking, frenzied mass of 16 purebred Siberian Huskies into an incredibly graceful racing machine.

In an instant the dogs fall silent, as if a switch has turned off the cacophony of howls. The energy that had gone into straining against the ropes that tied them to DeBruin's sled is now focused on pulling that sled toward some invisible target somewhere over the distant horizon.

The dogs know what lies ahead of them because they've done it many times before. They are going to run a steady pace of nine and a half to 10 kilometres an hour for the next six hours. Six hours. They won't even stop for a pee break – DeBruin has taught them to pee and poop on the fly. (And when you're sitting in the basket on the sled you have an up-close view, and smell, of how it's done.)

Yet that's why the dogs have been barking with such a loud mixture of impatience and excitement. They couldn't wait to get started.

"These dogs live for it," says DeBruin, who is not so much the human leader of the team as he is the personification of his fellow teammates.

Lithe and wiry, with a bushy beard to protect his face and long hair that he cannot be bothered to cut, DeBruin is like his dogs in so many ways. He has only two speeds: sprint and full stop. He's energized rather than intimidated by vast snow-covered forest. He believes in chasing a dream even though that dream will push him to the limits of his endurance.

That dream is to compete in Iditarod, the "Last Great Race on Earth."

A musher can't simply decide to compete in the 1,850 km trek from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. You must first prove that you and your dogs are capable of surviving such an arduous challenge, which has taken teams from eight to 32 days to complete.

"It's so hard to get into the race," says DeBruin. "They weed people out. No one has ever died, or a team got

Feature and photos on this page
by Martha Perkins

lost, because it's so carefully weeded."

He has spent the past few years going through all the steps required to even qualify, including an 800-kilometre race in 2008. This winter, he needed only one last big race to qualify. In January, they competed in 400-mile Beargrease race in northern Minnesota. The windchill of -45° prompted DeBruin to withdraw on the last night because the dogs were getting dehydrated. He wasn't going to put them through another day on the trails.

Then, on the weekend of February 28, they ran up and down the hills of the 250-mile Can-Am Race in Maine. This time they faced a blizzard during their last night, forcing them to break trail for 20 miles but what made the run really hard was the spring thaw a few days earlier. The snow had melted from the logging roads that form part of the race, turning the rest of the trail to ice. And if he went off trail, the loose snow would suck him in. DeBruin was one of only two racers who started the race with 12 dogs and ended the race with 12 dogs.

The race may have ended the long qualifying process but now DeBruin must begin the long journey towards Alaska. It will cost at least \$30,000 to get him and the dogs to the finish line.

Although he could have applied to be in the 2009 Iditarod, he's decided to wait until 2010. Not only is it expensive to get the team up to Alaska but, by the end of January, he and his team had run more than 1,000 kilometres as part of their training. That's time not spent on leading tours with his family's business, Winterdance Dogsled Tours. The father of four wants to give himself a year to save money for what will surely be the race of a lifetime.

Unlike his two sons, Logan, 9, and Dustyn, 7, who have competed in adult races, DeBruin was not born into a



Hank DeBruin isn't the human member of the team as much as he is the personification of the canine team members.

dogsledding family. A millwright by trade, he and his wife Tanya McCready bought their first Huskie in 1993 after passing by a pet shop in a mall near their suburban home in Guelph. One night, after watching a show on dogsled races, DeBruin said that would be sort of fun. But you need more than one dog to race, so...

They were bitten, smitten, hooked. Today they have more than 120 Siberian Huskies, each one bred and

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The dogs do the work; driver does the thinking

from page 12

raised at their kennels on Drag Lake east of Haliburton.

Training for this season's marathon races started as soon as the days got a little colder. DeBruin chose 20 of the dogs he felt best suited for an endurance race and then narrowed that down to 16, the biggest team size allowed at Iditarod. Decisions were made based on the dogs' personality as much as their physiology.

DeBruin is not simply standing on the sled while his dogs do all the work. It's strenuous work to keep the sled upright and he often runs along alongside the sled during the most strenuous parts of the trail run. He's also constantly watching the dogs' behaviour. As much as they are a pack animal, they also have very distinct personalities and clashes are bound to happen.

He can't put Harley beside Jay, for instance. DeBruin doesn't understand dog talk but he's sure that as soon as the two dogs are together, Harley tells Jay "Your mother is a poodle" or some other insult. The dogs instantly start fighting.

Max, who's at the back of the team on today's training run, is often at the front. Max's great strength is his speed but today DeBruin is focusing on endurance. Since Max is also the laziest dog on the team when he's not in the lead, Max is put closest to DeBruin, who can chew him out

when his attention starts to wander. Max's tail, however, is high up in the air, an indication that he still considers himself to be top dog, no matter what his position on the line.

If the females are in heat, then all the males' tails are up and there's trouble in Winterdance land.

"When one comes into heat, watch out," says DeBruin. "Just imagine a kennel where there's 60 girls in heat and the boys, well, we won't even go there. It gets really intense. The shyest girl becomes the boldest and guys all have to show off."

Last year, dogs in heat cost him two races.

This season, training started with the dogs pulling him on a four-wheeler. They did that for a total of 250 miles before the snow fell. In the early season, he had to use a snowmobile as an anchor and one day even that wasn't heavy enough. The dogs pulled it up the trail, with DeBruin running behind to try to catch them.

The Huskies are intelligent creatures but their desire to run, and keep running, overpowers any instinct for self-preservation.

"You've got to keep the fuel going in but a dog has to process the fuel into useable energy," says DeBruin, who takes chunks of raw meat to feed the dogs during their training run. "You can't let the tank get less than a quarter full. They'd keep going but you'd kill your dog because it's started to use its own body as fuel."



Hank DeBruin and his wife Tanya McCready have bred all 120 dogs on their Winterdance team and know each and every one of them by name – and disposition. /Winterdance photo

Knowing when to take a break is one of the skills the musher brings into the dynamics. "A dog can run wide open for 10 to 12 miles and after that it's up to the driver to make or break the race," DeBruin says. "It's still the dogs doing the work but it's up to the person to maintain what the dog can do."

When DeBruin realizes his dream of competing in Iditarod, it means he and his dogs will be alone for hours at a time on the Arctic tundra. In a Haliburton forest, the trees protect them from the wind and severest of weather conditions. There will be no such protection in Alaska. (To help them prepare, DeBruin does some of his training on Wolf Island as well as the Bancroft rail trail, both of which have ar-

eas of wide-open windiness.)

When DeBruin finished the 500-mile race last year, neither he nor the dogs had energy left to spare. It's his job to prepare them for a race that's more than twice as long. The dogs might not know exactly what he has in mind but they are more than willing participants in the adventure. For DeBruin, winning doesn't matter, it's simply being in the race that counts. The dogs will want to whup the competition.

"It's a crazy sport," he says as he prepares to spend the next six hours on his sled.

A crazy sport for crazy men? "No," he replies, "for men who like the wilderness. You have to have no fear of being out on your own in the wilderness."



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HOCKEY UPDATES

Hodgson still with Canucks after trade deadline

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The 2009 NHL trade deadline has come and gone and Haliburton native Cody Hodgson is still a member of the Vancouver Canucks — not that he was ever in jeopardy of being traded.

On March 4, NHL teams had their last chance to bolster rosters for a playoff run, improve the roster for next year, or get back some draft picks as the league heads into the final quarter of the regular season.

Glued to his television flipping between Sportsnet and TSN, which had more than 10 hours of broadcast coverage for the highly anticipated day, 19-year-old Hodgson watched the action unfold. So was he worried that he'd be traded?

"Not too much," Hodgson said in a telephone interview. "I know there were a few rumours going around though. I really like where I am, with the Canucks organization. I feel like I'm part of the organization."

While Canucks general manager Mike Gillis didn't tell Hodgson specifically that he was safe, Hodgson did get a call from TSN's James Duthie telling the young man not to worry and that he wasn't going anywhere.

It was reported, however, that Gillis had received a few phone calls from teams interested for Hodgson and his highly touted hockey skills.

Hodgson signed an entry-level contract with the Vancouver Canucks last year after being selected 10th overall in the 2008 NHL Entry draft. He played a few pre-season games but then Gillis decided Hodgson should sharpen his skills for another year with the Brampton Battalion. In February, Hodgson recorded a Battalion club record in February with a 23-game point-scoring streak, registering

17 goals, 23 assists and 40 points in that span. A month earlier, Hodgson won a gold medal with Team Canada in the World Juniors, picking up the most points in the international series.

Hodgson's success with Battalion, of which he's captain and Team Canada has been closely watched by the Vancouver sports press. Last week the *Vancouver Sun* noted that Hodgson is ranked the second best prospect in the world by *The Hockey News* in its annual Future Watch edition. Nikita Filatov of the Columbus Blue Jackets topped the list.

Hodgson and Haliburton's Matt Duchene are currently battling with the Belleville Bulls for top spot in the OHL's eastern conference with three games remaining in the regular season.

Stoughton gears up for playoffs

Former Gooderham resident Jesse Stoughton is having a decent rookie campaign with the OHL Sarnia Sting. As a rookie, Stoughton hasn't received a lot of ice time, the norm for first-year players, but he's making an impact with the time he gets.

The 18-year-old is third in rookie team scoring and 12th in team scoring on an active roster of 24 players. In 60 games Stoughton has six goals and 12 assists for 18 points along with 24 penalties in minutes.

Most impressive is his plus/minus rating of plus three. With the regular season coming to an end Stoughton and the Sting should face the Plymouth Whalers or the Saginaw Spirit in the first round.

Annual Jack Robertson Bonspiel won by local team

Rotary's 32nd annual Jack Robertson curling bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club was won by the team skipped by Arthur Dawson, third from left. Dawson's team included Andy Glecoff as vice, Andy Salvatori as second, and Dave Payette as lead. The trophy was presented to the team by Jacqueline Metcalf, daughter of Jack Robertson.



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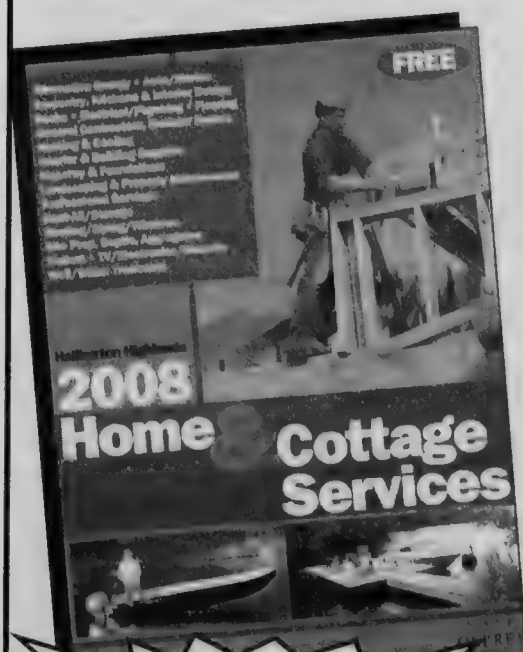
Meeting the challenge

More than 200 skiers participated in this year's ski challenge at Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake. The series of seven races ended Saturday, February 28 with 145 competitors vying for the \$6,000 in prizes, including Wendy Rehacek, above. J.D. Bishop awarded the \$1,000 grand prize to Beth Foster.

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Sydney Churko celebrates after a goal on Saturday against the Red Wings.

■ GLEN DART TOURNAMENT

If you had fun, you won

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The beginning of March always signals the end of another great hockey season for the Highland Storm county league, but the 220 players in the house league know there's no better parting shot than the annual Glen Dart Memorial Hockey Tournament.

March 6 and 7 marked the 57th anniversary of the tournament and 16 teams from the Timbits to the seniors division took to the ice while Roger Dart, the son of Glen, and members of the extended Dart family watched from the stands.

"It's quite an honour to think my father was so well respected at the time that they started the tournament and that it's been

able to continue this long," said Roger. "[The tournament] has always been for the kids."

And kids hockey is about participation, skill development, fair play, and good sportsmanship, all of which players, coaches, and parents never lose sight of.

"It's amazing how they have the 220 kids in house league hockey," he said. "There are three generations of family that have played in this tournament and it really is something."

After serving in the Canadian Air Force during the Second World War Glen Dart became the recreational director for Dysart et al. The hockey community thought naming the tournament after Dart would be a great way to remember his efforts in the community and in hockey.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Members of the junior division Canucks, right, and Red Wings face off at centre ice on March 7 at the Dysart arena for the Glen Dart Memorial Hockey Tournament, which has been going strong for nearly 60 years.



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Game over

Above: Highland Storm defenseman Jacob Sisson anticipates the move of a Tavistock player on March 7 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena. Tavistock put an end to the prolific Pee Wees' season with a 3-1 win and a 3-1 series victory over the Storm to advance to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association finals. See tomorrow's Minden Times for the story.

Right: Highland Storm's Tyler Barry comforts goaltender Brayden Frost.

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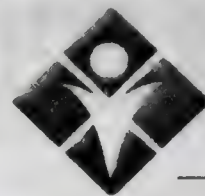
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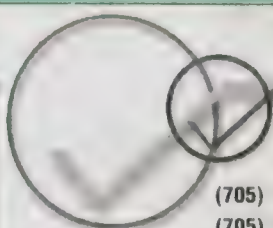
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said. "I find this conversation petty and a little insulting," said Councillor Derek Knowles.

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The idea is supposed to increase accessibility for the public, by allowing them to see what the councillors see. It is also supposed to cut down on paper waste and the cost of photocopies. But not all councillors were interested in using computers – even if the municipality provided computers for them to use.

Councillor Dan Kay said he would only use paper and Reeve Murray Fearrey and Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said they did not want to have laptops provided to them.

There was a major divide between those who thought computers should be purchased by the municipality for councillors and those who thought it was wrong to use taxpayer money for that expense.

In a compromise, staff said they would look for old computers the municipality owns but does not use.

Roads budget gets money back

Fifteen thousand dollars previously removed from the roads budget for the 2009-2010 year were reallocated after the same amount was cut out of various grants.

Council had its second budget discussion, this time covering the arena, cemetery, library and parks. On February 9, council had cut \$3,500 out of grants, \$5,000 out of the Rails End Gallery's operating funds, \$6,750 from the museum and \$14,000 from roads.

Adult ice rental to go up

The municipality is proposing raising the rate on the ice rental at Haliburton arena for adult tournaments from \$102 an hour to \$110. Proposals to increase the rates for minor hockey, skating and school groups were dismissed.

The rate for a season of use at the ball diamond will also increase from \$175 to \$200 if the bylaw is passed.

There will be a public meeting on proposed fee increases, including building fee and sewage rates, on April 6.

Affordable housing gets a boost

Places for People will get a little help from the municipality if the not-for-profit group buys a building on George

Street to provide affordable housing in Haliburton.

President Fay Martin told council about her group's desire to purchase the dance studio and convert it into two large three-bedroom apartments for low- or no-income residents. Places for People would need the land rezoned to residential and increased in density. The amount for that would be \$850, plus any building permit fees later.

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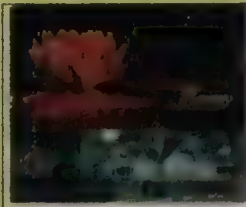
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NDP enthusiastic about campaign

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Thursday night's laid-back atmosphere in the camp of New Democratic Party byelection candidate Lyn Edwards was a stark contrast to the media circus at those of Progressive Conservative John Tory and winner Liberal Rick Johnson.

Conversations sprung up on topics ranging from the political future of John Tory to the reminiscing back to the days of Ed Broadbent until Edwards arrived to hugs and applause.

While there was a more low-key mood, it certainly appeared that those in attendance were excited and enthusiastic about the job Edwards had done in her campaign.

Stephen Yardy, who ran for the NDP in last year's federal election, said they were

all very proud of her. "We thought it was a great campaign," Yardy said to Edwards. "Even today you were out there, hitting so much of this area."

Approximately 20 supporters joined Edwards at Common Grounds in downtown Lindsay. She got 2,117 votes, or six per cent of votes, and finished fourth. Green Party candidate Mike Schreiner finishing third and ahead of Edwards.

She had a positive demeanour as she addressed the group. "You have all been tremendously supportive," she said.

In her first run for political office, Edwards admitted she had to learn many things, but put her best foot forward. Residents were very responsive to her campaign, she said.

Poverty, jobs and health care were specific issues Edwards said she believed she handled well during the campaign.

Johnson vows to work tirelessly as MPP

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choice clear," Johnson told the crowd, adding that he'd received a phone call from Tory at about 10:45 p.m., conceding the election.

Again, the room erupted.

Johnson then took a moment to recognize his closest competitor.

"I'd like to express my absolute respect for John Tory," he said, adding that Tory had fought a clean campaign and urging supporters to be friendly when Tory showed up to share a drink.

"I will work tirelessly to make sure this riding is well-served," said Johnson, who ran on a campaign of job creation, improving rural transit, creating programs

for seniors, protecting local farmers and recruiting more doctors and nurses to the area.

For Tory, last week's byelection loss was the final nail in the casket of his political career. After losing his home riding of Don Mills West in the 2007 election, the byelection was a final chance to gain a seat in Queen's Park.

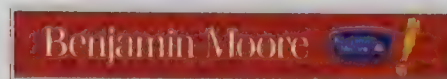
Tory announced on March 6 that he would step down as leader of Ontario's PC party.

Johnson received 15,882 votes, or 43.72 per cent of the total; while 14,576 people, or 41.17 per cent of total voters, cast votes for Tory.

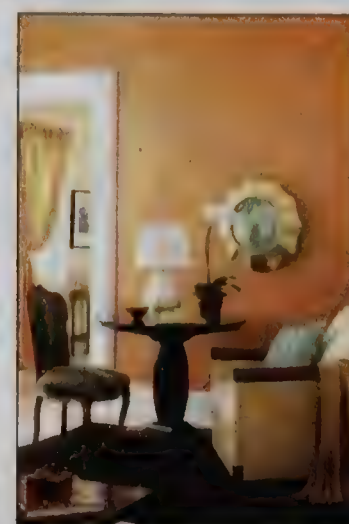
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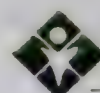


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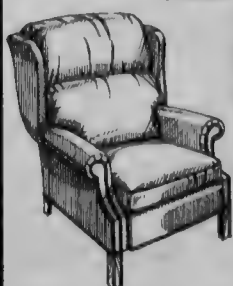
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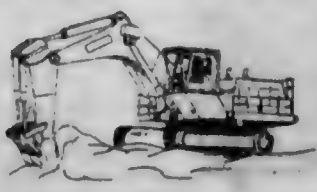
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Say it with puppets

The Point In Time puppet troupe has come up with three new entertaining ways to share positive messages with local children. For kindergarten and Grade 1 students the puppets practise good manners. The play for Grades 1, 2 and 3 students is called "That's What's Different About Me!" This story about friendship helps students to gain a better understanding of their peers with differences. Puppeteer Shelley King has been working with four students at Cardiff Elementary School to learn the art of puppetry and perform the play. Last week they had their debut in front of enthusiastic audiences in Cardiff and Wilberforce. Next on the agenda is a play called "Quinnley's Wish" written by local playwright and family therapist Kathryn Boyd. In this photo student puppeteer Laura Voiccy introduces her puppet Kitty. /Ken MacPherson photo.

Watercolours issue is size

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three land-use planners) of whose side aligned best with provincial, county and Dysart regulations.

The two OMB members the lawyers were trying to convince, lanky bowtie-wearing Joseph Sniezek and short, straight-faced Gary O'Connor, seemed attentive through hours of often excruciatingly methodical questioning of witnesses.

In one corner sat developer Ad Mahlo, almost entirely transfixed by his BlackBerry cellphone. Occupying the first row of seats on the other side of the room was Mack along with fellow condo concern group members Stephen and Mieke Foster who whispered to each other about the proceedings, scratching down notes and tapping Gillespie on the shoulder with new information to use in his cross-examinations.

The crux of the dispute ultimately came down to whether Haliburton had a definable character and whether that character had to be adhered to by every-one building in the village.

There was also some concern raised over water supply by Gillespie and participants in the public forum Tuesday night, but that occupied little of the conversation at the hearing because the municipality has requested water surveys as part of holding provisions on Watercolours. Without approval of the Ministry of the Environment, the development will not go ahead, said Ed Veldboom, lawyer for Dysart.

Planscape planner Rick Hunter was the only witness called by Gillespie. He disputed the developer's claim that Watercolours will enhance, not detract, from Haliburton village.

Hunter's statement lasted for most of the first day and cross-examination flowed into day two.

In Hunter's opinion, Watercolours would have a visual impact uncharacteristic of Haliburton or Head Lake. He also argued that the municipality had given the developer more than what he'd asked for by allowing the structure to be 22.3 metres (which he said would be seven storeys) in height.

"We must take into account the nature of the community [the condo] is in," Hunter said.

He pointed to other tall buildings in the area, which are no taller than three storeys, and the new Fleming College, which was built far from the water's edge to preserve the natural landscape.

He also questioned why the municipality didn't demand water availability, traffic and storm water studies

before it passed the zoning bylaw amendment for the property.

In cross-examination with the lawyer for Watercolours, Alan Patton, Hunter kept his opinion, even though Patton attempted to dismantle his argument on character.

Patton asserted that there was no standard character in Haliburton and that previous multi-unit buildings hadn't had much regard for aesthetics anyway.

Joan Barnes also gave testimony to the board that the building would be too big for the village and too big for her and her husband Michael, who live next door to the property. She said it would block the sun from her garden, block her view of the lake, potentially drain the local aquifer and compound traffic problems at an already bad bend in Hwy. 118.

Patton told Barnes that there was a holding provision on the land pending confirmation of an adequate water supply, which she said was reasonable, though she maintained that the building would overpower the appearance of the lake. Patton also noted that both sides of the dispute had agreed that traffic could be managed.

For the municipality, Veldboom called staff planner Pat Martin to explain why Watercolours was good for the community and why allowing such a big building was not as detrimental as Gillespie portrayed. Martin testified for nearly a full day including cross-examination.

Patton called one witness, Hal Kersey, who had done the initial planning work for Watercolours. In his final statement to the board, Gillespie argued that Kersey's statements should not be given much weight because he works for the developer.

Gillespie also argued that the size need not be as grand as planned. "We've heard from Ms. Martin that this will be the largest residential development in the history of this community," Gillespie said in his final remarks.

"That's exactly the kind of project that there is a need to know as much as reasonably possible about and there's going to be a great deal of public interest ... and public controversy about. And a need and desire for public participation," he said.

He said that the project was not affordable in a county where poverty is a problem and that demand would be met if only 90 units were built.

"The board has heard that there is a consensus that the project can proceed at 90 units and with a built form of three storeys," he said, while across the room Patton and Veldboom - neither of who agree with a 90-unit condo - rolled their eyes at one another.

Veldboom's closing statement reiterated that the municipality was careful and correct with its zoning bylaw amendments. He also said that Dysart would be happy to set a maximum height of four storeys on Watercolours.

In Patton's closing remarks, he said that setting a maximum number of storeys, rather than height, would not suit Watercolours because there could be problems factoring in the peaked roofline.

He also took issue with Hunter's testimony and the fact that Mack did not testify.

"Now we have a sole appellant who didn't testify. I'd ask the board to have regard for that," he said.

"It is a stretch for one appellant to advance through counsel [Gillespie] that this [zoning] amendment should be refused because of a shortage of kinds of housing," he said.

He said that Hunter was incorrect in pinpointing character as an issue in the case, stating it was compatibility with the community instead.

"Compatibility means capable of existing in harmony with," Patton said.

He also rejected Gillespie's suggestion that the development could go forward with 90 units.

"How can he say that on the basis of the other submissions? How does he know that 90 is the number?" he said.

O'Connor and Sniezek's ruling on the hearing is still pending.

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STUDENT ART

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MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Heads up Haliburton! A handful of creative Grade 12 art students are about to untie their tongues and express themselves publicly.

For a fourth consecutive year the work of Hal High teacher Karen Gervais's art portfolio class will be on display at the Rails End Gallery. This year's exhibit, titled *Tongues Untied*, begins March 28 and runs until April 25.

Gervais says the show has evolved over the years but this one is "process-oriented and unique with contemporary ideas." Thanks to a grant from the Ontario Arts Council arts education program, the students have had the added input, insight, and art intelligence of Jennifer Wanless-Craig to help them.

This year's mission was to help the 12 girls develop a project like nothing they'd ever done before. To get the girls' artistic juices flowing, Wanless-Craig asked students for a life statement rather than an artist's statement. She wanted to draw out more personal things about the girls rather than what medium – painting or drawing, etc. – they liked to work with.

"I came into this looking for them to not do something traditional," the Tory Hill artist says. "I wanted them to really look outside the box, look at art they would not normally look at in high school or in their community."

On her first day in class Wanless-Craig was blown away by what the girls had come up.

"They divulged so much to me," she said, "which I thought was pretty amazing for 17-, 18-year-old high school girls. They really were very personal."

She encouraged the girls to take the information from their life statements and turn them into artwork that was incredibly personal to them.

Working with the students one-on-one Wanless-Craig helped them research and develop their ideas with examples from other artists' works.

Secrets and photos please

Gallery participants will be asked to select an envelope containing someone's secret or photo. Once the secret is read and photo is looked at the viewer has two choices: post the secret or photo for others see or shred them so that no one else will know what the envelope contained.

To make this happen, student Leah Grant needs approximately 300 secrets and Robyn Crawley needs your unwanted photos.

"Leah's getting people to basically judge each other," said Wanless-Craig. "But she wants people to be very honest because it's important that you have that freedom to divulge a secret."

The secrets are completely anonymous and should be printed out electronically so handwriting won't be recognized.

Robyn wants your pictures: over-exposed, under-exposed, old, new, black and white, colour. Pictures won't be returned.

"It allows people to express a like or dislike for inanimate object," said Wanless-Craig. "We have such personal attachments to photographs."

Minden's Carly Lacy has synesthesia, an involuntary neurological stimulation of one sensory or cognitive pathway that leads to an automatic experience in a second sensory or cognitive pathway. Essentially when Carly hears a sound it sometimes produces the visualization of a colour.

"It's basically when you get your senses mixed up,"

says Carly. "It's not as hardcore as most people's [synesthesia]. It just happens sometimes."

Carly's project is an attempt to recreate the sound she hears when she sees the colour red.

Other projects include a dollhouse covered with waxed white rose pedals, urban graffiti, the use of pillows, beading, and the destruction and reconstruction (with a twist) of a children's book.

"The girls are doing something they have never done before, really exploring something, I've given them complete freedom," said Wanless-Craig. "They're really having fun with this."

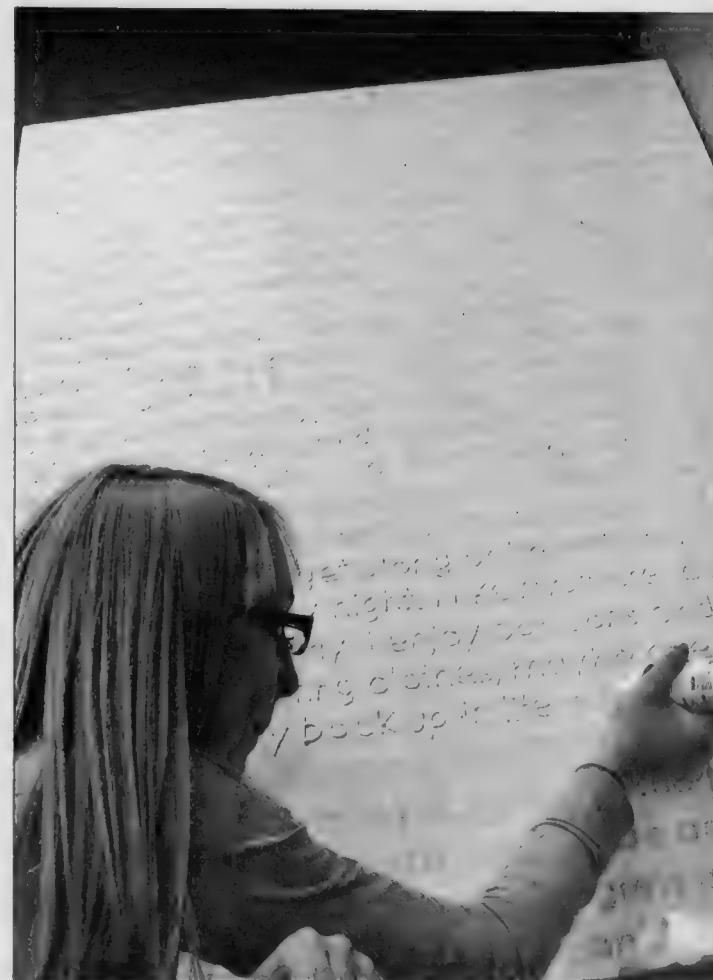
Student artist Kristen Campbell agrees.

"I think it's great," she said of the creative freedom. "I honestly think it will be a really good show because you're really seeing every medium of art."

It's because of Wanless-Craig's assistance that many of the girls were able to expand their creativity and get away from traditional art.

"I love Jenn, she's crazy," said Kristen. "She's cool. Actually she's the one that encouraged me to see beading as a sort of art form. There was really no limit as to what we wanted to do, which kind of made it harder, but I think it was good that we had to have our own ideas."

Secrets and photos can be dropped at the *Echo* and Rails End Gallery in Haliburton and in Minden at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Submissions are limitless but must be singular and be placed and sealed into the provided envelopes at the drop-off areas.



Megan Cunningham of Minden fills in her message on her white-on-white project. /Photo by Matt James

Notices



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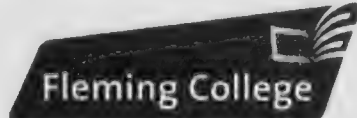
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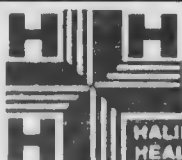
The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

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Prayers from Papua New Guinea

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Notes from the Katrina and Kevin Crofts family: First best wishes to daughter Cheri, engaged on December 26 to Mike Kwistek and to be married in 2010. Both are residents of Buffalo at this time. Connor Crofts, a medical student, is in third year at University of Guelph. He and several colleagues are spending their three-week break on a trip to Peru, where they go with supplies for schools and medical needs and plan to teach if required and desired, and lend a hand at contribution, again as needed.

Twenty people gathered at Maple Lake United Church for World Day of Prayer on March 6 prepared by the ladies of Papua New Guinea. Thea Patterson brought a video of that country and spoke on 2009's theme: "In Christ, There are Many Members Yet One Body."

In the evening the same service was held at St. George's Anglican Church. Carol Kilby, former United Church minister, spoke also on this theme of unity, which

encompasses all faiths and enhances Christian life by its bonds. Marion Sedgwick spoke of her years in Papua New Guinea as a missionary nurse and trainer of local women for nursing. Her stories were illustrated further by the many artifacts displayed on a table. Some of these were worn by a few women at refreshment time. The grass skirts over slacks joined at the waist, perhaps, but you got the idea. The bags called bilums had been fashioned by some kind of crotchet unfamiliar to us. Bill Gliddon's choir led the singing, "The Family of God."

This service annually begins in the east and is repeated in whatever the local language, all day long right around the world. Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada disperses the offerings where most needed to various worthy institutions in the country.

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The centre committee has lined up the following schedule of events for the year.

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World Day of Prayer asks for confidence

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Hilda Clark
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"Where is Papua New Guinea?" you might ask. Women from that island country know it is in the South Pacific just north of Australia. Women from that country, "the land of the unexpected," prepared this year's World Day of Prayer worship service.

World Day of Prayer is celebrated throughout the world every year on the first Friday in March. In Wilberforce this year the United Church hosted the service with the involvement of people from the Gooderham United Church, St. John Vianney of Highland Grove, the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church and St. Margaret's. The women of Papua New Guinea invited worshippers to have the confidence of Ruth who could leave what was familiar

to her and go with Naomi into a foreign land. They wanted people to come to the service with respect and openness to understand what God would reveal to them there.

Many from the churches participated in readings and a community choir led the congregation in song. Clergy taking a lead and participating were Rev. Patsy Henry and the Rev. Anne Moore. All enjoyed a time of refreshment and fellowship following the service.

The Loop Troupe is now busily preparing for a spring production of *The Island Of Anyplace*. It was written by Charles Marz with music by Barry Rocklin. This play is being directed by Valerie French. It is a fantasy that introduces children to the magic of live theatre with a yarn about a fantastic journey and mythical creatures. It has been cast with children, teenagers and a couple of adults. The costumes, set, lighting and music are sure to be delightful aspects of the show. The story is a universal one of adventure after a shipwreck on a south sea island. Should be

enjoyed by all ages.

Progress is being slowly made on the quilt the Heritage Guild will be raffling this spring and summer. Quilters would be greatly appreciated even for one afternoon. The proceeds go to help staff the museum for the summer. As my mother used to say, "many hands make light work." Only a few hands at this project make calloused fingers and tired arms. Do give a call and help out.

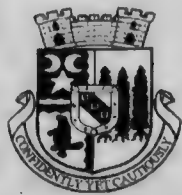
It was pleasant spending a few days in the south. Well, Toronto is south of here and the weekend weather was pleasant. So was the musical *The Color Purple* at the Cannon Theatre. And the National Ballet gave tremendous performances in a

three-part program at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts. This program was a big first for the company. It was the world premiere of all three dances by three different rising Canada choreographers. "In Colour" was choreographed by Peter Quanz, "Emergence" by Christal Pite and "Dextris" by Sabrina Matthews. In "Dextris" the music was Vivaldi's "Dixit Dominus RV 594" and a special feature was the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and five soloists on stage backing five pairs of dancers. What amazing dancing in such creative new works! What super music! What a feast of the arts all in one program. And all provided right here in our own country by our own artists.

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NOTICE OF TENDER For The Replacement Of The Pine Lake Bridge

The Pine Lake Bridge is located on Pine Lake Road, approximately 0.5km north of County Road 6. (Eagle Lake Road).

The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- Demolition of the existing structure in closed-road conditions;
- Supply and installation of piled foundations, concrete abutments, steel girders and a concrete deck;
- Reconstruction of approaches, including the installation of steel beam guide rail;
- Bids will also be received for an alternate bridge design.

All tenders shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Pine Lake Bridge Replacement" and shall contain the company's identity on the envelope.

All tenders must be received by 3:00 p.m., local time, Monday, March 30, 2009. The tenders will be opened at 3:15 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2009 and Council will be considering the tender results at the regular Council Meeting April 6, 2009.

Courier/Street Address: Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Avenue
Haliburton, ON. K0M 1S0
Attention: Brian Nicholson
Road Superintendent.

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Road Superintendent

Tender documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer upon payment of a non-refundable sum of \$75.00 (inclusive of G.S.T.) payable to "G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc."

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If you are interested in receiving further information on this project, please contact the following individual:

Matt MacDonald, P.Eng.
Project Manager
G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc.,
1-71 Millennium Parkway,
Belleville, ON K8N 4Z5
Phone 613-969-1111
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Monday, April 6th, 2009
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Dysart et al:
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of two lots and to restrict their use to the construction of an individual on-site sewage disposal system. No other structures or buildings are permitted. The proposal will address servicing problems on two neighbouring waterfront residential lots, located on Dreamboat Lane, Kennis Lake. The lot line setbacks will be consistent with the requirements of the Ontario Building Code.
 - Zone change from RU1 to OS-13.
 - Location: Part of Lots 11 and 12, Concession 3, Block B, Plan 467, Havelock Township (Pine Point Road and Dreamboat Lane, Kennis Lake).
2. General Amendment: Open Storage and Contained Outdoor Storage:
 - Purpose and Effect:
 - To amend the definition "open storage" and "yard" (Section 1.108 and Section 2.185).
 - To amend the general provisions for "open storage" and "contained outdoor storage" (Section 3.1(f)(i), Section 3.1(f)(iii) and Section 3.5)
 - Location: the proposed amendment will affect all lands in the Municipality, which are permitted to have open storage (the C, CH, CT, M, MX and MD zones) or contained outdoor storage (the M, MX and MD zones).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 10th day of March, 2009.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner

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- 3-5 years education & experience in a related field (addictions, HIV, health promotion)
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- Commitment to harm reduction principles
- Demonstrated community development skills
- Ability to engage with peer workers
- Experience working with marginalized individuals
- Ability to work with community partners to develop programs
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email: harmreductionworks@pam.ca



People from the communities we serve are encouraged to apply. People living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, communities at risk and people with experience with injection drugs are encouraged to apply.

Young speakers teach judges a thing or two

The Wilberforce Legion was very pleased to welcome the students of Wilberforce Elementary School to take part in the Royal Canadian Legion's public speaking contest. A total of 17 students participated on March 3 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. They took the contest to a very high level of excellence. The judges were extremely challenged when trying to rank

the students. Many observers felt they had learnt a great deal from the students and many were amazed by Jade McCartney's story of Mrs. Finley, the phenomenal 90-year-old wonderlady who has visited her cottage in Harcourt Park since the establishment of the park.

Grades 1-3 contestants were: Taylor Davies - My Cousins Rebecca and Matthew; Melinda Meharrie - Ponies; Brooke Billings - Cinderella; Ethan Evans - My Cat; and Brittany Lampman - My Pets.

Grades 4, 5, 6 contestants were: Kelsey Maracle - About My Big Brother Riley; Carmen Galea - Life on a Farm; Jade McCartney - Mrs. Finley; Matthew Hunter - Olympics; Lloyd Calffas - Aliens; Connor Gadway - My Sister; Tyler Casey - My Big Brother; Cody Lampman - My Family and Pet; Cole Finlay; Keisha Hughes - Smoking; Patricia Savard - The Twilight Saga; and Drew Deterling - Sidney Crosby.

First place winners Taylor Davis and Kelsey Maracle. Second place winners Carmen Galea, Jade McCartney and Melinda Meharrie. Third place winners Matthew Hunter and Brooke Billings are invited to advance to the Zone F-5 Public Speaking competition on March 21 in Millbrook.

Thanks are extended to the staff of Wilberforce E.S. who helped the children prepare for the competition and gave the students their support.

Big thanks is extended to scrutineer Brian Eves; time keepers Mel Smith and Lorne Dinesen; judges Sheri Siebarth, Joanne Vanier and Gail Driscoll; and organizer Valerie Smith.

A very big thanks is extended to Highlands East council for offering the Lloyd Watson Centre as the venue and a special thanks is extended to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends of the

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Mel Smith
448-3680

students who came out to hear the children's speeches.

We wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for preparing another great breakfast brunch this past Sunday. The L.A. is a small group of 30 or so members who work diligently behind the scenes to support branch 624. They donate not only valuable time but give back to the Legion by paying for many upgrades. Their generosity extends out into the community and they are always ready to prepare lunches for funerals, anniversaries and birthdays. They also do seniors' luncheons on the first and fourth Friday of each month, serve dinner to the Shriners on the third Tuesday of each month and do their regular breakfast brunch on the second Sunday of each month.

Thank you L.A. members for your continued support.

Have you ever wanted to play bid euchre and were not sure what it was all about? Don't wonder anymore! Come and join the players on Monday evenings and they will teach beginners this fun game. Cost is only \$2.

On Saturday, March 21 make plans to join fellow anglers for the first Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby for fallen comrade Ken McFarlane. Ministry rules will apply. Please call Legion for more details, 448 2221. All are welcome!

The District "F" Convention in Haliburton is coming up April 24, 25, and 26. The registration fee is just \$20 which covers all scheduled convention activities.

Plan on attending as an accredited delegate, guest or observer. Registration forms are available at Branch 624 and must be in by April 10.

Reminder - Don't forget to get your lucky tickets for Branch 624's gift certificate draw.

Reminder: - branch 624 offers a free income tax service at the Legion every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. up to April 22. This service is available to all Legion members, seniors and individuals with incomes of less than \$30,000.

This week at our Legion plan on joining in on some of the following events:

March 10: General membership meeting.

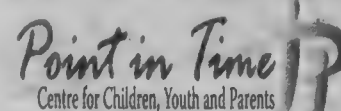
March 11: Open Darts 7:30 p.m.

March 12: Euchre 1 p.m.

March 13: Open Pool 1 p.m.

March 13: Birthday/anniversary pot luck starting at 7 p.m. followed by a jam session starting at 8 p.m.

March 14: Meat draw 2:45 to 5 p.m.



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or fax to: 705-457-3492; or email to info@pointintime.ca
Closing date: Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Kids, bring a sock to Earth Day festival

Everyone is invited to an Haliburton Earth Day Family Festival on Saturday, April 25. Events include:

- *Born With A Bang - A New Story* for the whole family with special guest, Jennifer Morgan, author storyteller, parent, teacher, and corporate consultant from Princeton, New Jersey.

- Ecolympic Games, socks and stories for living in peace, growing a healthy earth family, earth friendly parenting (for grandparents and teachers too), exhibits,

and more!

The event is brought to you by Gaia Centre, Fleming College, Rainbow Connection, Point in Time, Kinark Outdoor Centre, Waverly Brook Farms, Haliburton Yoga, and Rails End Gallery.

It's from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haliburton campus of Fleming College.

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Right,
Isle of Sky
by Elizabeth Turner

Far right,
Woman Reading
by Terry Wright

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As outlined in the *Highway Traffic Act*, reduced loading will be in effect in the **Huntsville District** of the Ministry of Transportation effective **12:01 a.m. on March 16, 2009**.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any highways during the Reduced Loads Period.

Single trip permits, for moving of overloads on highways not designated in schedules 1, 2 and 3, may be issued, but are subject to axle controls established by the Ministry of Transportation.

SCHEDULE 2 – MARCH 16TH TO MAY 31ST, 2009

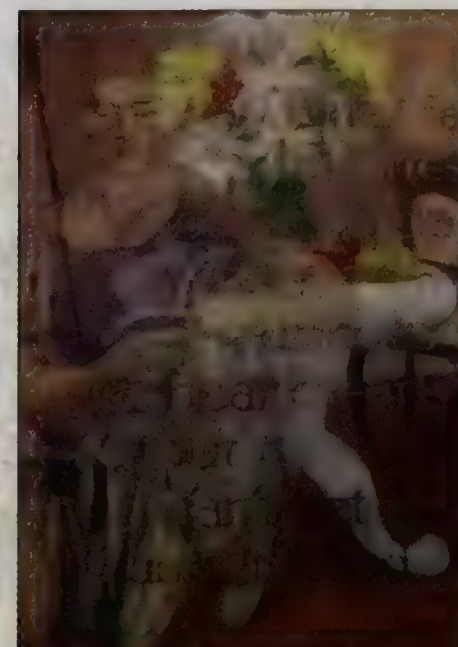
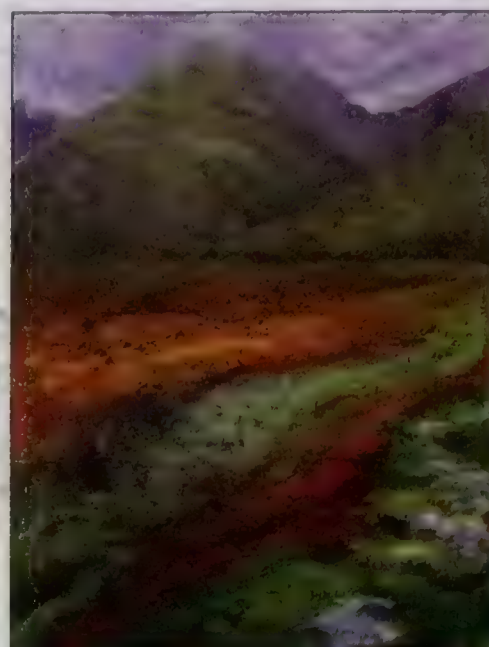
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520	Hwy. 124, north to the Hamlet of Ardbeg	632	Muskoka/Parry Sound district boundary, north to Hwy. 141 at Roseau

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Six women paint

A group of six women has been meeting once a week throughout the last year to paint together under the guidance of esteemed local artist Rose Pearson. These women have put together an eclectic selection of paintings and drawings in a new show at the Rails End Gallery. Each comes from different backgrounds and disciplines, expressing unique style and experience.

Many of Pearson's paintings are based

on photographs and rendered with painstaking attentiveness to detail. She is attracted to the colours and patterns and spatial allusions in these images. Her recent work combines texture, patterns and vibrant colours with almost illustrative qualities in their subjects.

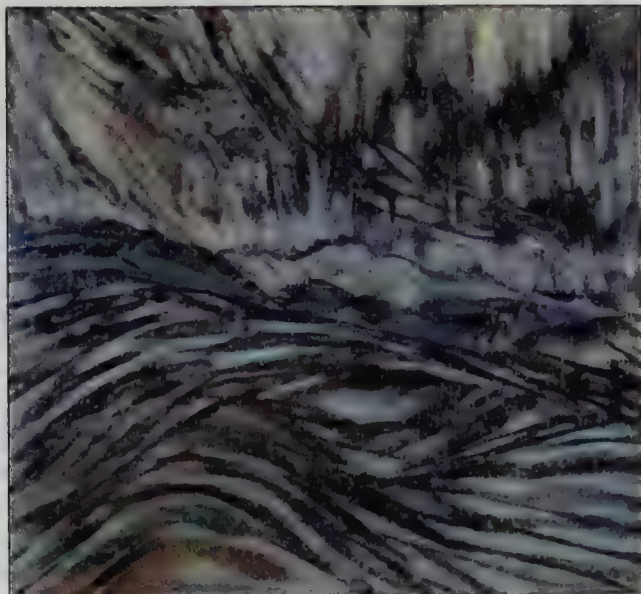
Maija Stone is a retired teacher who now explores art from her Dapplewood studio on Stormy Lake. In her transition from

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White Rabbit by Rose Pearson

Each expresses own uniqueness

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watercolours to acrylics, she put importance in exploring colours and textures. The textures vary from use of collage to areas of flat colour, producing a somewhat abstracted result.

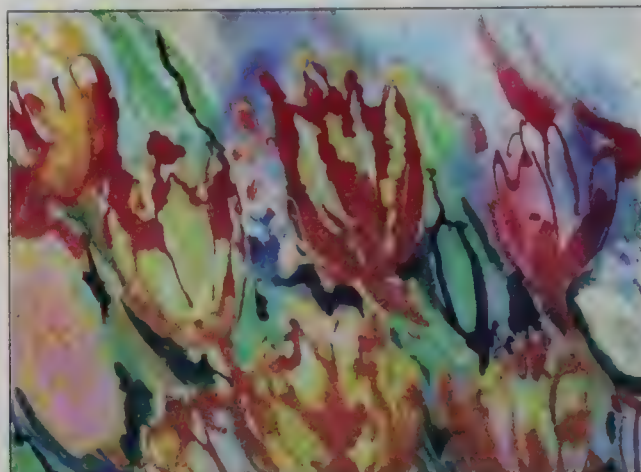
Lois Raw continuously experiments with new techniques. To her, the most appealing aspect of art is its ability to give expression to a reality that is different from that with which we define with language. Her hope is that her work will reverberate with the viewer and communicate something authentic, whatever it may be.

Elizabeth Turner has included works from a series called *A View From Home*. The landscape paintings in this collection represent scenes from travels abroad as well as familiar and cherished places that are part of her home. Her goal is to convey to the viewer the essence of the place, and the sense of atmosphere.

Terry Wright came to Haliburton a few years ago, drawn by the vibrant arts community here. She recently began working with acrylics, and has extensively studied life drawing. Much of her work lately has been monochromatic, based on historical portraits taken from family albums.

Trish Wootton's initial involvement in the arts is as a thespian. She is now discovering the world of visual arts and is drawn to using collage in combining scientific renderings of insects with painting. These very calculated collages are delicate and rich.

With such a variety, this exhibition is sure to please arts appreciators from any walk of life. Join the artists at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre at 23 York St. Haliburton on March 13 between 5 and 7 p.m. for an opening reception.



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- March 12: OEYC Play and Learn visits the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce - The only visit in March will be on Mar. 12 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Families with children from 0 to 6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
- March 13: Wilberforce Legion Branch #624 Birthday and Anniversary Pot Luck Celebration - Starting at 7 p.m. Jam Session to follow at 8 p.m. All Welcomed to attend.
- March 16: This March Break visit your local Library Branch for some reading fun - From March 16 - 21 for every book a child reads to an adult, or vice versa, they receive a colouring sheet. Detach the ballot on the bottom of the colouring sheet and enter to win a children's book. There's one prize per library branch but you can enter as often as you wish.
- March 19: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce - From 9:30 a.m. - noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
- March 20: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 24: Have you had enough of winter? Join the Minden OEYC and go to the sunny south in March and learn to Hula dance and limbo! - Have fun dressing up as Hula dancers or sailing on the pirate ship. Please sign up for our Hawaiian Luau on the March 24. For more information please call 286-1770.
- March 25: Figure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 1:30 p.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.
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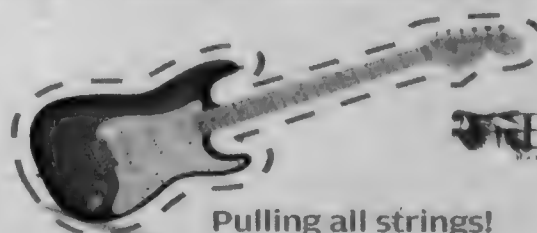
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Deaths

GILBERT, ROSS WIDEMAN - (retired employee of I.B.M., dedicated member of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, and a long time member of the Barber Shop Chorus.) Peacefully, after a lengthy battle with cancer, at Markham Stouffville Hospital, on Friday March 6, 2009 in his 90th year. Ross was the beloved husband of Dorothy (nee Davies) and cherished father of Doug (Lee), Gordon (Lorraine) and Barb (John) Duffin. Devoted grandpa of Ashley, Natalie, Gabrielle, Jared, Emily, Shannon and Daniel. Dear brother of Marian Davis, Doris Stewart, Delbert, Florence LeVett, Violet Smith and predeceased by brother Harold. Ross will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him, especially Snowy, Buddy, and Macey.

Friends were received at the DIXON-GARLAND FUNERAL HOME, 166 Main St. N., (Markham Rd.) Markham on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was held at St. Andrew's United Church, 32 Main St. N., Markham on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Cremation. Floral tributes gratefully declined, as expressions of sympathy donations to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation or St. Andrew's United Church would be appreciated.

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Deaths

MARTIN, Gordon Jack - (Veteran of W.W. II) Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the age of 84. Dear son of the late Frederick and Jane Ellen Martin. Dear brother of Edna Martin of Toronto and predeceased by Irene Ryan, Violet May Andrews, Ronald Martin, Harry Martin and Kenneth Martin. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 11:00 am until the time of the Combined Legion Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung. Memorial Donations to the Camp Trillium (Camp for Children with Cancer and their families) or to the Masonic "Help to Hear Fund" would be appreciated. A Masonic Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday Morning at 11:00 am. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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But you didn't go alone.
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The day God called you home.

It's lonely here without you,
We miss you more each day,
For life is not the same
Since you were called away.

Sadly missed by Mom and Dad, Jason,
Ashley, Kim, Jennifer, family & friends.

Card of Thanks - Joan Morrison

The Morrison Clan wishes to offer our heartfelt thanks to Haliburton County for the wonderful gifts of love, phone calls, cards and donations in Joan Morrison's memory.

To everyone at Extendicare, you will always be our "Angels on Earth" for your loving, tender care of Joanie. To Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Kristy Gammon, a very special thank you for your dedicated, professional care.

I would personally like to thank my friends at Community Care, fellow Board members and dedicated volunteers for their kind words, understanding and special efforts in making the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament so enjoyable for me at a difficult time.

To Rev. Richard Starks, Parish Priest at St. Anthony Catholic Church, the wonderful ladies of the CWL, who, together with Dwaine and Lori Lloyd of Haliburton Community Funeral Home, arranged Joan's funeral with reverence and understanding of our family's wishes.

Thank you, God for welcoming Joan into Heaven with loving open arms. As You promised her, she is now at peace, free to love and be with her son Perry and free of Alzheimer's forever.

God also blessed our daughter Joanne, who on the day of her mom's funeral delivered a healthy, nine pound son, Tayton Perry Gray. We all felt extremely blessed by having this new life join our family.

To the Community of Haliburton County, as Joan would say
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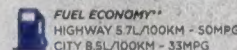
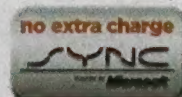


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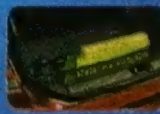
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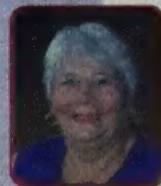
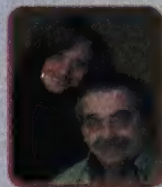
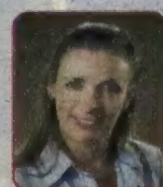
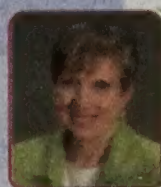
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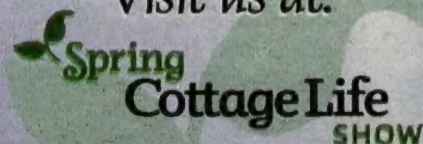
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